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ARRAY USING THE SAME

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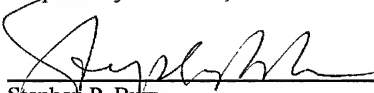
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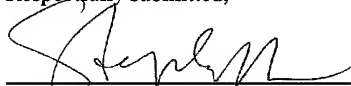
Also enclosed is a copy of a Japanese Office Action (with a Partial English Translation as authored by Applicant's Japanese representatives) from a related Japanese patent application bearing a mailing date of February 7, 2006, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein. The remaining references cited in the Japanese Office Action were previously cited in the above-identified application as References AD, AJ and AK (see Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 26, 2002 and July 31, 2003).

Partial English Translations of References AP and AR, as authored by Applicant's Japanese representatives, are attached.

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